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SUBJECT:US/EC PRESIDENCY DIALOGUE - APRIL 18 POLITICAL
DIRECTORS MEETING

REF: A) LONDON 5697; B) STATE 77289
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1. IN CONNECTION WITH SUBJECT MEETING, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED
TO CONSULT WITH BRITISH EC PRESIDENCY ON THE
FOLLOWING:

2. CSCE. A) YOU SHOULD INFORM BRITISH THAT WE FULLY
UNDERSTAND THE DILEMMA THE NINE ARE FACING WITH REGARD TO

THE PROBLEM OF EC COMMISSION REPRESENTATION AT THE BELGRADE CSCE MEETINGS. WE WILL SUPPORT WHATEVER SOLUTION THE NINE AGREE AMONG THEMSELVES. SHOULD THE NINE DECIDE TO REQUEST SEPARATE REPRESENTATION FOR THE EC COMMISSION, WE BELIEVE THEY SHOULD BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO ARGUMENTS THAT THIS WOULD BE CONTRARY TO THE BASIC CSCE RULE OF EQUAL REPRESENTATION FOR EACH PARTICIPATING STATE (SEE USEC 2944).

B) WITH REGARD TO SO-CALLED "HIBBERT COMPROMISE" FOR ORGANIZATION OF MAIN BELGRADE MEETING, YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT, WHILE WE WOULD FIND THIS PROPOSED ORGANIZATION ACCEPTABLE, WE BELIEVE IT IS CUMBERSOME AND WILL BE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN CONSENSUS ON. WE BELIEVE ONE OF THE WEST'S

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES DURING THE BELGRADE PREPARATORY MEETING, WHEN AGREEMENT WILL HAVE TO BE REACHED ON ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES, WILL BE TO GET THROUGH THE PROCEDURAL DEBATE AND BRING THE SOVIETS TO A DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES IN THE REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION. THE WEST SHOULD NOT ITSELF RAISE OBSTACLES TO THIS OBJECTIVE BY RIGID ADHERENCE TO A DETAILED SET OF PROCEDURES. WE THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT A DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY ON PROCEDURES WILL BE DESIRABLE, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE ACCEPTABLE PROCEDURES AND COMPLETE THE PREPARATORY MEETING AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE.

C) WE ARE DISTURBED BY RECENT EC ACTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE SO-CALLED BREZHNEV PROPOSAL FOR CONFERENCES ON ENERGY, TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT, WHICH WERE TAKEN WITH-
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OUT OUR EVEN BEING INFORMED. UNLESS THE EC CONSULTS WITH US ON SUCH MATTERS, WE RUN THE RISK OF A SERIOUS SPLIT ON AN IMPORTANT CSCE ISSUE, WHICH WILL BE KNOWN TO THE SOVIETS AND ON WHICH THEY WILL SEEK TO CAPITALIZE. WE WILL APPRECIATE BEING CONSULTED ON SUCH MATTERS, WHICH WE BELIEVE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PATTERN OF CONSULTATIONS THAT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY DEVELOPED THUS FAR ON CSCE SUBJECTS.

3. MIDDLE EAST. EMBASSY MAY INFORM BRITISH THAT ASSESSMENT OF SADAT VISIT (REF B) MAY BE SHARED WITH EC NINE.

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